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Among the numerous insect visitors to our garden, one, at least, deserves welcome, for it feeds almost exclusively on plant lice, that are such a pest to flower growers, and on other insects, which are so destructive

our fruits. This little friend is one of the smallest and one of the handsomest of the great family of beetles, and one with which most of us make acquaintance in our infancy. If you turn when it was all alive, then in the earliest cyclopaedia of knowledge, "Mother Goose," under the name of "lady bug" in connection with the gentle admonition to "fly away home." The lady bug that is best known to us, small as it is, bears the Latin name *Hippodamia maculata*, and is a glaucous red, with 13 black spots on

body. The little beetle is of the family Coccinellidae, a small, hemispherical beetle, red or yellow backed with white, red or yellow spots. It is called lady bird as well as lady beetle.

The Australian lady bug was imported into California for the purpose of controlling the ravages of the cottony, cushiony scale. The lady bug is brightly spotted with black and red. It is very common to find crawling on plants in our yards that are infested with lice. The little beetle is to be encouraged here for the good that it can do.

It is likely to prove a most beneficial insect to the gardener and orchardist.

One of the relatives of this pretty little beetle, for which no words of commendation can be spoken, is the Colorado beetle, or potato bug, which within half a century, has made a distinctly bad reputation for itself. Its original home was in the Rocky mountains, where it lived until 1855, when it became a traveler, with a developed taste for potato vines. It reached the Atlantic coast 15 years later, and now is to be found pretty well over the

world. This is a yellow beetle, with black stripes, befitting its conduct as a convicted criminal. It does not confine its diet to potato vines, but eats other plants of the solanum family, such as tomatoes. It is especially fond of egg plant and consumes the bitter sweet with avidity. The female lays its orange-colored eggs, about the size of mustard seed, in flat rows on the under side of a leaf, and one of the things that puzzle the amateur gardener is how she manages to lay them upward.

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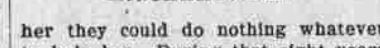
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